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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED IDB NON-REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP ISSUE WITH

DOTTORESSA FERNANDA FORCIGNANO, DIRECTOR, MINISTRY OF THE TREASURY, AND LEFT PRO MEMORIA DRAWING ON REFTEL.

2. FORCIGNANO EXPRESSED THE SURPRISE OF ITALY AND OTHER POTENTIAL NON-REGIONAL MEMBERS AT CONFUSION OVER NON-REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP ISSUE EVIDENCED AT IDB ANNUAL MEETING HELD MAY 19-23 IN SANTO DOMINGO. SUCH CONFUSION, SHE SURMISED, WAS DUE (A) TO COMPLEXITY OF SUBJECT, (B) TO SENSITIVITY ON PART OF CERTAIN LATIN AMERICAN MEMBERS TO ISSUE, AND (C) TO EXCEEDINGLY POOR COMMUNICATIONS AMONG MEMBERS OF IDB BOARD OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND BETWEEN THIS GROUP AND THEIR CONSTITUENT COUNTRY MEMBERS. ITALY EXPECTS CLARIFICATION OF QUESTIONS SURROUNDING NON-REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP GENERATED AT SANTO DOMINGO MEETING DURING FUND/BANK ANNUAL MEETING IN EARLY SEPTEMBER.

3. ACCORDING TO FORCIGNANO, DESPITE AMBIGUITIES WHICH STILL EXIST, ITALY HAS NO INTENTION OF LOSING ANY TIME IN EFFECTING ITS MEMBERSHIP IN IDB. SHE ENUMERATED THOSE ACTIONS ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IS NOW TAKING TO FACILITATE PRESENTATION OF LEGISLATION TO PARLIAMENT IN FLAA. TRANSLATION OF IDB DOCUMENTATION INTO ITALIAN AND PREPARATION OF LEGISLATION ARE CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS.

4. COMMENT. USG MAY WANT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FUND/BANK MEETING TO HELP PROVIDE CLARIFICATIONS OF QUESTIONS CONCERNING NON-REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP RAISED AT SANTO DOMINGO MEETING. IN MEANTIME, INITIAL ITALIAN EFFORTS TO EFFECT MEMBERSHIP IN IDB SEEM TO BE PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY, ALTHOUGH TRADITIONALLY PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL OF SUCH MATTERS IS A TIME-CONSUMING PROCESS. VOLPE

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